(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Such a suggestion has not come to our notice. However, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities already provides that wherever possible, Ministries/Departments concerned will earmark 15 per cent of the physical targets and financial outlays for minorities.

Conditions of minorities

475. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent to which the condition of m inorities has been ameliorated and what more is required to be done?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): Government is committed to ensuring the welfare ofthe minorities. The Prime Minister's new 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities is a major step in this direction.

Development of non-conventional energy

476. SHRI S.M. LAUAN BASHA: WHI the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government helps various States to develop non-conventional energy by disbursing funds through the State Renewable Energy Development Agencies;

(b) what is the operational and functional relationship between IREDA and the State Government agencies;

(c) the quantum of funds disbursed to different States in 2005-06; and

(d) the manner in which Government monitors these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Govemment provides central financial assistance for deployment of various